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~~/S E C R E T~~/FROM AFDSD-AT 70836, ARDC FOR RDRB, AFBMD FOR WDZY, THIS MSG IN FOUR PARTS.
PART I. THE 12 JULY 60 SAMOS DEVELOPMENT PLAN WAS APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO DDR&E, WITH CHANGE TO REQUIRE TOTAL OF TWO NEW ATLAS LAUNCH PADS WITH BLOCKHOUSE ADJACENT TO COMPLEX 1 AT PT ARGUELLO.
PART II. FOLLOWING PLANNING GUIDANCE FROM SAFUS IS BASED ON SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH OSD AND OTHERS: (A) DO NOT PLAN FOR THOR/SERGEANT LAUNCHES; (B) ANTICIPATE IMMEDIATE APPROVAL OF NEW TRIPLE PAD ATLAS E COMPLEX AND PLAN FOR USE OF ATLAS E/AGENA FOR NEW RECOVERY PAYLOADS; (C) NEW RECOVERY PAYLOAD PROGRAM MUST BE TRULY

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ADVANCED SYSTEM FOR SYSTEMS OF HIGHEST RESOLUTION THAT STATE OF THE ART WILL ALLOW AND SHOULD INCLUDE ASSOCIATED ATTITUDE STABILIZATION SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATE RECOVERY SYSTEM; (D) CONSIDER EARLIEST FLIGHTS OF THE NEW SYSTEM IN LIEU OF F-2 AND E-2 WHERE NECESSARY TO MEET USIB REQUIREMENTS; (E) PLAN FOR THOR/AGENA AND TITAL LAUNCHES TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY CAN BE USED FOR COMPONENT TEST FLIGHTS OR OTHERWISE; (F) EXAMINE AMR LAUNCH POSSIBILITIES FOR APPLICATION TO REVISED PROGRAM.
PART III. PENDING APPROVAL OF THE REVISED DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY DDR&E, ARDC IS DIRECTED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO PROTECT THE SCHEDULES TO ASSURE EARLIEST AVAILABILITY OF THE NEW PAYLOADS INCLUDING INITIATION OF PAYLOAD PROGRAM SOURCE SELECTION ACTIONS. ARDC IS ALSO DIRECTED TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM REVISIONS ON BOOSTER PRODUCTION SCHEDULES AND PRESENT THE RESULTS TO THE AFBMC AS SOON AS PRATICABLE.
PART IV. THE POINT ARGUELLO COMPLEX WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE ACTION FROM AFOCE.
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